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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please change the abstract as shown below.

ABSTRACT (Currently amended)

A wire-strike system (1) including; a wire cutter ~~including with~~ at least one pair of electrodes (5, 6), electrically insulated from each other and ~~mountable mounted upon to~~ an outer surface of an aircraft (2) ~~[[.]]~~ ~~said~~ The electrodes (5, 6) being connectable to a power source (11) capable of generating an electrical potential difference between the electrodes (5, 6) and in the event of a wire-strike, supplying a short-circuit current flow through a portion of ~~said the~~ wire connecting both electrodes (5, 6).

Please replace Page 14, Paragraph 2 (lines 5-21) with the paragraph as shown below.

DISCLOSURE Page 14, Paragraph 2. (Currently amended)

In the event of a wire-strike with a conductive wire, all embodiments employ a common principle to defend the aircraft from a catastrophic outcome as illustrated schematically in figure 9. In a typical wire strike, an aircraft would impact a substantially horizontal suspended wire during forward flight. Figure 9 a) shows the situation before impact, whereby the wire cutter electrodes (5, 6) are electrically and physically separated from each other with a potential difference applied therebetween by a power source (11), connected to the electrodes (5, 6) via appropriate electrical connections (12). As

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